AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

All insertions appear as underlined text (e.g., insertions), while deletions appear as strikethrough text (e.g., ~~deletions~~).

Please revise paragraph 0013 as follows:

[0013] The present invention is directed to a reduced pressure wound treatment apparatus and method that satisfy the needs described above. As described in greater detail below, it has many advantages over existing apparatus when used for its intended purpose, as well as novel features that result in a new reduced pressure wound treatment apparatus and method that are not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by any of the prior art apparatuses ~~helmets~~, either alone or in any combination thereof.

Please revise paragraph 0019 as follows:

[0019] In a particular embodiment of the invention, the wound cover for the reduced pressure appliance may be in the form of a gas impermeable covering sheet of flexible polymer material such as polyethylene, having an adhesive backing that provides the seal for securing the sheet over the wound site to provide a ~~an~~ gas-tight or fluid-tight sealed enclosure over the wound site. The vacuum system of the wound treatment apparatus may include a suction pump having a vacuum hose that is connected with a suction tube serving as a suction port for the appliance. The suction tube for the appliance runs beneath the cover sheet that is sealed in position over the wound site and into the fluid-tight enclosure provided under the cover sheet. An adhesive backing on the cover sheet is used to provide a fluid-tight seal around the feedthrough for the suction tube at the wound site. Within the enclosure, the suction tube is connected with the absorbable matrix for placement in the wound. The absorbable matrix functions to more uniformly apply reduced pressure or suction over the wound site while holding the cover sheet substantially out of the wound during the application of reduced pressure at the enclosed wound site.